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POLYMERIZATION AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ALPHA-OLEFIN POLYMER

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance dated December 20, 2005. In response thereto, Applicants file this Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicants submit that in the Examiner's Statement the Examiner loosely paraphrases the language of claim 10. However, Applicants submit that the claims should be deemed allowable based on each of their respective recitations.

Applicants submit that the claims include various other aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases claim 10 and adds additional recitations that are not recited in claim 10, but Applicants submit that each claim should be

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interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase summary included in the Examiner's statement.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated December 20, 2005.

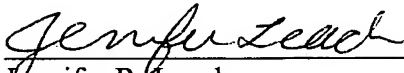
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